

REMARKS

Examiner Kielin is thanked for his ongoing examination of the subject Patent Application.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-2, and 4, 6, 10-12 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Lin (US 6,093,656) in view of Rathore et al. (US 6,069,068) and Data et al. (US 5,567,300) is requested, in light of the following arguments.

A Rule 1.131 Declaration is attached, in which the inventors swear behind the referenced US Patent 6,093,656 (Lin), which eliminates the referenced patent from consideration. The rejection is therefore now considered moot.

All claims are now believed to be allowable.

It is requested that should Examiner Kielin not find that the Claims are now Allowable that he please call the undersigned attorney at (845) 452-5863, to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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